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RECOLLECTIONS

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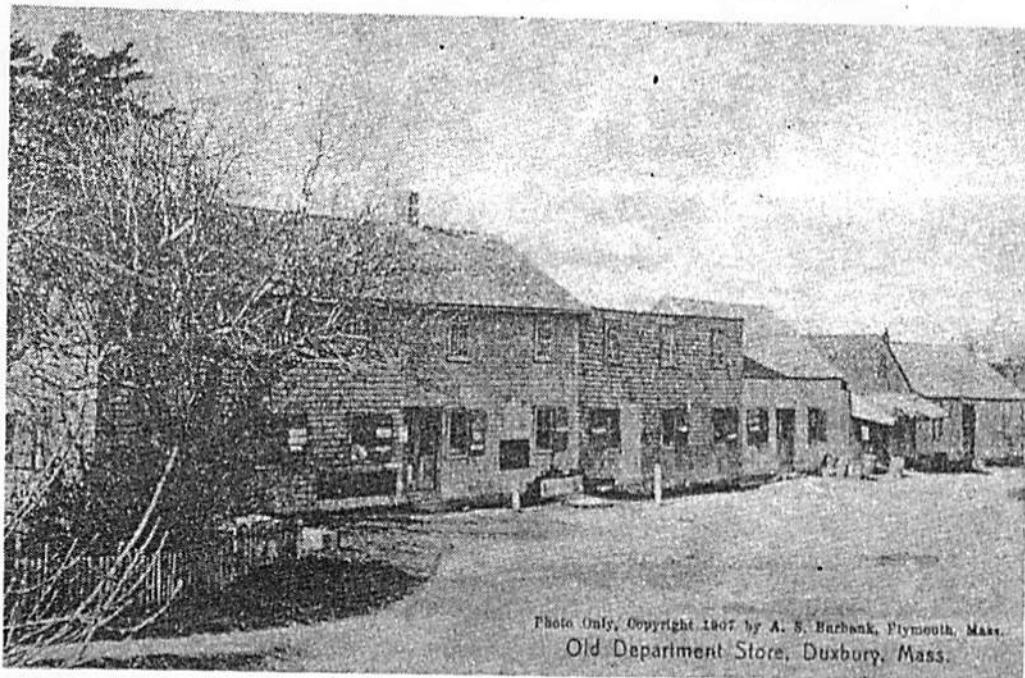


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Old Department Store, Duxbury, Mass.

The next building is the Old Wright Screenhouse on the hill at the right. It was owned by the Wrights of St. George St. The building was moved from Silver Lake. It overlooks cranberry bogs and was used for a cranberry storage. The Wrights used to have picnics there, as there was a beautiful grove in back of the building. The 1938 hurricane uprooted most of the trees. Mr. Fisher bought the place, then Harvey Burgess took it over.

Fisher had a duck farm as well as cranberry bogs. Burgess had the place quite a few years ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rudolph were his caretakers. Burgess sold the place to Mr. Pink, present owner. Both he and Mr. Burgess are from Carver.

On the left stands one of the Weston houses. I remember Harriet and Deborah Weston. There was a brother whom I never saw. One outstanding feature of this old house was the paintings of fruits and flowers

hanging on the walls of the dining room. I remember hearing that the brother did this lovely work.

A relative by marriage, C. Peter Tewksbury, came there to live with a niece of the Misses Weston. She was Miss Carrie Weston, niece of Harriet and Deborah, and wife of Mr. Tewksbury. The Tewksburys sold the house to a Mrs. Hayward, who in turn sold it to a ward, who in turn sold it to George Chapin. (Mr. Chapin recently sold the house. -- Ed.)

I visited Deborah and Harriet when I was a young girl. It is a nice old place overlooking the "Wright" cranberry boys (so-called) Then, on the same side of the street, is the Leo Prince house, which was moved from Harrison St. from Rod-eric MacDonald's land and was remodeled by Warren Prince, once constable of Duxbury, and father of former Selectman Walter Prince of Washington St. Mrs. Leo Prince is Walter's daughter, and Warren was her grandfather.

Warren loved to remodel old houses. He was also the father of Charles Prince, who lives in Marblehead, and Mary Prince Christiansen, a most interesting person who lives in Duxbury winters and in Vineyard Haven summers. There she once worked for the Vineyard Gazette. While in Duxbury, she lives with her daughter and son-in-law, the Walter Kennedys of Standish Shore. Mr. Kennedy is guidance counselor at DHS. Mary has traveled abroad and has had wonderful experiences.

Warren Prince bought my great-grandfather's last old house from Duck Hill and divided it into two houses. One is owned by Clifford L'Heureux of Enterprise St; the other, next door, is owned by Walter Wolfe. I think Charles Prince formerly owned this house.

Warren also remodeled other old houses; Peter Balboni's was one (on land adjoining Warren Prince's house. Elwin Barnard lives in this old house.

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